

REMARKS

Claims 1, 5 and 6 have been amended. Claims 3 and 4 have been cancelled. Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indicated allowability of claim 4 if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, Applicants have amended claim 1 to incorporate the limitations of dependent claims 3 and 4. As such, Applicants submit claim 1 is now in condition for allowance.

Further, Applicants have amended the dependencies of claims 5 and 6 to depend from claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit claims 1-2 and 7-18 are now in condition for allowance. Applicants also gratefully acknowledge the allowance of claims 19-22.

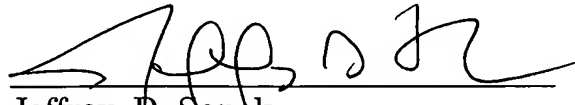
In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit the prior art rejections made in the Office Action are now moot. Hence, Applicants request the early allowance of claims 1-2 and 5-22.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #037068.53200US).

Respectfully submitted,

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